

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: COATING FOR WATER BLOCKING AGENTS, SHEET PILE AND STEEL TUBULAR
PIPE FOR WATER BLOCKING CONSTRUCTION, AND WATER BLOCKING
CONSTRUCTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

which is incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

5. (amended) A water blocking construction method which comprises utilizing

(1) a coating for water blocking agents comprising a water-absorbing resin (a), a
hydrophilic binder resin (b) and a solvent (c) as essential components, wherein said hydrophilic
binder resin (b) has an acid value of 40 mg KOH/g to 500 mg KOH/g or

(2) a sheet pile and/or steel tubular pipe for water blocking construction methods wherein
the coating for water blocking agents according to (1) has been applied thereto.